



NORFOLK

Memorandum

TO: City Council

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COPIES TO: City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Council Interests

DATE: July 17, 2015

In today's memo I have included information on several items for your review ahead of Tuesday's Council meeting.

Old Dominion University lease: Old Dominion University (ODU) will establish its first presence in downtown Norfolk with ODU's Norfolk Center for Innovation. The Innovation Center will bring ODU's entrepreneurship work to 501 Boush Street, the current home of Recreation, Parks and Open Space.

- Veteran's Business Outreach Center
- Procurement Assistance Center
- Women's Business Center
- Technology Applications Center

The Center will provide a highly-structured environment for start-ups and spinout ventures to develop new products, explore new business models, build their teams and test markets. The ordinance coming before you Tuesday is a 3 year lease for approximately 4,000 square feet at \$1.00 per year.

Community Services Performance Contract FY2016: You will be presented a resolution to approve the Performance Contract between the Norfolk Community Services Board and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) for FY16 as amended. Public comment was completed on July 17, 2015 and no comments were submitted. The contract provides the base annual allocation of funding from DBHDS of just over \$10 million. This initial contract does not include the addendum for the Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center grant of \$305,000 that was awarded at the end of June. That will come to Council separately later in the summer.

Community Services Board Intellectual Disability Group Homes: You will be presented an ordinance to grant the City Manager to proceed with the transfer of these two group homes from state ownership to city ownership. Both group homes are already operational and there is no purchase

price for the homes. There are no changes to the operations of these group homes, only the ownership of the properties. The addresses of the two properties are 5809 Hartwick Drive and 1826 East Bayview Boulevard. Here are photos of the homes -



Selden Arcade Update: Restoration work is currently underway. Demolition activities are nearly complete and the electrical room area is being prepped to pour the concrete slab (picture). After the slab is complete repairs will be made to interior and exterior walls. Electrical equipment will be replaced and new panels connected. We expect power to be restored in early October with other ancillary electrical and mechanical systems tested and repaired by the end of October.



New schools project updates: A joint press release with Norfolk Public Schools will be posted today on the city and school's websites, social media and news outlets ahead of your vote Tuesday to amend the Comprehensive Agreement and include Camp Allen into the current construction schedule. We have also updated the new schools webpage with information. A joint electronic newsletter featuring project updates and photos will be distributed to schools and neighborhoods today as well.

Have a good weekend.